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## NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD

GIRL TERRORISTS  
SCHEME TO KILL  
CZAR OF RUSSIARevolutionists Members  
of Czarina's Sewing  
Class.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The Terrorists, having been some time busy in removing the Czar's servants, are beginning to turn their serious attention to Nicholas II himself.

This conclusion I drew from statements made to me by several members of the court during my visit to Tsarskoe-Selo today. Both Tsarskoe-Selo and Tsarskoe-Selo palace are entirely normal so far as outside appearances go. But ever since the abortive attempt to assassinate M. Stolypin last August the Czar has been more or less besieged by Terrorists.

The terror is all the greater, because no deterrent arrests have been made, and no definite clues found. But the palace secret police, under the command of General Dieudulin, the sharpest gendarme officer in Russia, know perfectly well that the Terrorists have resumed their intentions on the Czar's life, and are only waiting for a favorable opportunity.

Overrun By Conspirators.  
Tsarskoe-Selo has been overrun by suspicious characters during the past three months. Some have been arrested, others have fled the town on the eve of arrest. But in no one case have the police discovered a concrete plot, or even positive evidence of evil intentions. All they know is that the Terrorists are watching the Czar's movements, experimenting, studying the roads and generally preparing for a great coup.

A month ago, a rich Nijni-Novgorod family, rented for three months the Tsarskoe-Selo house of Prince Galitzin. They arrived, bringing with them an invalid sister, many servants and some magnificent horses. They gave a banker's reference and, according to Russian custom, paid a month's rent in advance. The Grigorovs rode and drove every day. One day they actually penetrated into Tsarskoe-Selo Park. Meeting the Czar's aide-de-camp, Colonel Putiatin, riding, they rode behind him until all three arrived at the park gates, which they entered on Putiatin's heels. They trotted after him up the avenue, circled Tsarskoe palace and then rode quickly out of the gates.

Mysterious Stranger Had Fled.  
The Czar had witnessed the incident from his study window. He asked Putiatin for an explanation. Putiatin declared that as the gatekeeper had admitted the stranger he assumed they had a right to enter. The gatekeeper affirmed that the two men had entered with Putiatin.

General Dieudulin was immediately sent to search the strangers' house. They had left for St. Petersburg and have not since been seen. Their servants had left the day before. Inquiries at Nijni-Novgorod proved that the real Grigorovs had never left their estate.

This mysterious occurrence was followed by a series of disturbing signs and tokens. One night the timber fence around Tsarskoe-Selo was found broken in a way which showed that it had been crossed, and footprints in the snow showed that an intruder had got to within a hundred yards of the palace and then turned back. The sentry was punished.

A week later another sentry fired on suspicion at a man who was leaning against the fence. The man escaped in the darkness.

The Czarina's sewing class furnished the next mystery. Two of its newest, most promising members suddenly disappeared, and, with them disappeared the journal of the class, with notes in the Empress' handwriting. When a group photograph in which the missing members appeared was shown to the police they recognized in one girl a social revolutionist. Marya Jakovleva, who has been wanted for complicity in the Moscow rebellion.

Even Girls Are in Plot.  
The theory of the police is that the two girls gained admission to the sewing class in order to study the movements of the imperial family, and that journal was taken in case the Empress' handwriting became necessary for purposes of forgery.

These occurrences have convinced the police that the Terrorists are on the track of the Emperor and that Nicholas II is surrounded by a host of keen-eyed revolutionary spies, who will take the first opportunity to remove him by the same expeditious means which they employed to remove his grandfather, Alexander III.

RUNS MOTOR 300 MILES  
INTO WILDS OF AFRICA

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The pioneer automobile in the field of Germany's colonial war is a big machine owned by Count Stillefried, who claims to be the first man to drive an auto through the wilds of German Southwest Africa.

The Count successfully ran his machine from Windhoek to Keetmanshoop, a distance of more than 300 miles, carrying six passengers, and a large quantity of baggage. Count Stillefried having shown that the country is passable for automobiles, the authorities are expected to establish a regular service of autos between the different German posts.

Eldest Daughter of Edward VII,  
Who Is Styled "Royal Shyness,"  
Reported to Be Dangerously IllDUCHESS OF FIFE,  
Member of English Royal Family Who Hides From the Public.Physician at Her House  
in Constant Attendance  
on Patient.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Anxiety is felt by all the royal family concerning the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, King Edward's eldest daughter, whose illness is

more serious than the public is allowed to know by the official bulletin. Her condition requires the constant attendance of a physician, who either sleeps in the house or pays midnight visits to see the royal patient.

It now seems unlikely that the princess will for a long time be able to resume her morning walks with the Duke, in Oxford street, where "Her Royal Shyness," as she is called in the family circle, was a familiar but unrecognized figure.

Conspirators Prepared  
To Remove King PeterDo Not Propose to Assassinate the Servian  
Monarch, But Simply to Eject Him  
From the Throne.

BELGRADE, Servia, Jan. 19.—The conspirators against King Peter have completed their plans for his removal, which will be accomplished by a military coup d'etat.

No bloodshed will be permitted to increase the disgrace which Servia still bears for the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga. Although military force will be used passively, the King and his family will be quietly conveyed to the frontier and expelled from Servian soil.

At the time appointed the palace will be surrounded by soldiers to ensure the safe and peaceable accomplishment of the deposition.

King Peter and his family, once out of the country, the overtures which the plotters have already commenced to obtain a foreign prince for the throne will enter a decisive stage.

As the American correspondent has already stated, the favorite selection for Servia's next King is Prince Arthur of Connaught, but it is very doubtful whether he or any other prince would be willing to take the risk.

If no new King is obtainable, a republic may be established. A movement in favor of this solution of the

problem is gaining strength, and is enthusiastically supported by the student element.

Meanwhile King Peter is passing under an ordeal of accumulated troubles. Apart from the Danubian sword, which the conspirators hold over him, the outrageous conduct of his half crazy son, the Crown Prince, adds to his anxiety. He is looking aged and care-worn, and will probably welcome the deposition when it comes.

Not only is the King highly excited by the mad behavior of the Crown Prince, but he fears that the latter may be used to carry out a coup d'etat against himself. The Prince, on the other hand, fears that his father may be induced to adopt violent measures against him. Therefore, the life of father and son, under one roof, in such circumstances, is naturally deprived of all comfort.

The Government no longer appears to possess any authority. The gendarmes, who were formerly willing emissaries of Dr. Paries, the Premier, have no longer the courage to fire upon the revolutionary element. At the last great disturbance, on the occasion of the voting of the loan, the gendarmes fired, and is now known, ten students were killed and twelve seriously wounded.

NEW FORCE OF NATURE  
IS FIND OF INVENTOR

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—What is believed to be a hitherto unknown force of nature, by which weather forecasts can be made, has been discovered by Herr C. Gruhn, a noted Berlin inventor.

Herr Gruhn found that a wooden rod suspended by a silk thread in a closed glass vessel was under certain circumstances influenced from outside by another rod of metal or stone. As the rod outside was brought near to the vessel the suspended wooden rod was sometimes drawn toward it and sometimes repelled.

The movements of the wooden rod depended on the condition of the atmosphere, and Herr Gruhn discovered that each variety of weather corresponded with particular movements of the wooden rod. The inventor has been able to forecast weather changes twelve to thirty-six hours ahead by this apparatus.

PRINCE AND COBBLER  
RIVALS FOR REICHSTAG

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—A prince and a shoemaker are opposing candidates for the votes of the electorate of Gotha in the coming general reichstag elections on January 25.

The hereditary Prince zu Hohenlohe-Langenburg, who was regent of the duchy during the minority of the present Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, is running in the Radical interest, and his opponent, Johann Bock, shoemaker, is the Social Democratic candidate. Although the prince is personally popular, the Radicals have a certain distrust of him as a politician, as he is a close friend of the Kaiser and was until lately director of the discredited colonial department.

Bock, on the other hand, is a well-tried legislator, having sat in the reichstag for Gotha since 1892.

LAWYERS' DUEL  
IN CROCKER SUITAmerican Billionaire Tries to  
Prove Dr. Doyen Got  
\$20,000 Illegally.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The hearing of the suit of George Crocker, of New York, against Dr. Doyen, the cancer specialist, growing out of the latter's failure to cure Mrs. Crocker in 1904, was resumed in the first civil tribunal today. Crocker is seeking to collect \$20,000 he paid to Dr. Doyen in advance for undertaking the cure.

M. Les Jardine, counsel for Dr. Doyen, replied to the statement made by Crocker last night.

He declared the great savant, Dr. Doyen, is being defamed in the interest of an American millionaire. Crocker, he insisted, knew his wife's condition perfectly when she was placed under Dr. Doyen's treatment, as he was shown accounts of typical cases in a medical album. A cure was not guaranteed, but simply that she would be given full treatment, which Crocker prevented by dismissing Dr. Doyen.

M. Chenu, speaking for Crocker, made fresh charges against Dr. Doyen, saying he has sold his cancer serum illegally.

FEAR OF KAISER  
AROUSES FRANCEFervish Activity to Strengthen  
Defenses of  
Country.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—That the French government has not much confidence in peace and expects the country to be implicated in a world war is made evident by the fervish activity with which it endeavors to strengthen the defenses of the country.

A man very close to the minister of marine who, being a government employee, does not want his name mentioned, tells me that the minister is very suspicious of the Kaiser, who, he fears, in case of the government being defeated at the coming reichstag elections, will declare war against France to distract the attention of his people from the situation at home.

France has given up the idea of raising an army as big as the German, and in case of war the task of the French soldier will merely be to defend the country against an invasion; but the navy, which is to crush that of the Kaiser and seal up all German ports, is to be made as powerful as possible.

Orders have just been given for the construction of four armored cruisers of 19,000 tons and as the government yards are too busy the contracts have been placed with four French private shipyards.

The importance of this order will be seen by the fact that it involves a larger amount than any French minister of marine has ever placed on his own responsibility, but he evidently considers himself justified in doing so under the present conditions.

BOOTH AT EIGHTY  
TO CIRCLE GLOBEHead of Salvation Army Plans  
to Make World-  
Journey.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—General Booth, the patriarchal head of the Salvation Army, although long past the allotted span of three score years and ten, has decided on an extensive world tour, a task which would tax the energies of any man half his years. The veteran Salvationist will leave this country in the spring, and by the time he returns he will have entered his eightieth year.

Renown has already been earned by the army chief as a globe trotter, and his visit to Australia some years ago was to have been his last long absence from home. This tour also is announced to be the last world-journey which the general will undertake, but with a man of his extraordinary energy and vitality it would be unsafe to prophesy what he might do.

Leaving London about the middle of February, accompanied by Commissioner Nicol and several other officers, General Booth will proceed first to New York, where he will remain a week to confer with the leaders of the army in the States. The general will then proceed to Canada and thence to Japan.

ONE MURDER, TWO CONFESS;  
SWISS JUSTICE PERPLEXED

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Two confessions to the murder of one woman is a problem which Swiss justice is wrestling with. Jacob Bloesch has confessed that he murdered his wife near Sombeval, Canton of Vaud, in the autumn of 1896, and that Messari, who is now serving a sentence of four and a half years' penal servitude for the crime, is innocent.

Mme. Bloesch was stabbed to the heart with one blow of a dagger. Her husband and Messari, who were strangers to each other, were both arrested on suspicion. Messari confessed and was convicted.

When Bloesch was arrested more than a year afterward on a charge of robbery he astonished the police by declaring that it was he and not Messari who was guilty of his wife's murder.

Houses of Porcelain  
Abodes of the Future

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The dweller in glass houses may be a more or less fabulous idea, but the dweller in a china house will soon be a common personage. The home of the future will be built of porcelain. It is now possible to build cheap, simple, and cleanly houses with sheets of porcelain instead of bricks and slate and concrete, and to dispense with paint, wallpaper, and spring cleaning.

The porcelain used for building this Utopian house is produced by a new method, in sheets about an inch thick, but equally as strong as a brick wall. It is made of a mixture of Cornish clay and French flint boulders in certain proportions.

The raw material is worked into a liquid state, then pressed and rolled into sheets. When dry the sheets can be decorated in colors, by hand or by a printing process. The final process is glazing and firing used in the ordinary potter's trade.

Glazed on both sides, the porcelain walls reduce construction and interior decoration to simplicity itself. The outside and inside walls of the house have decorative schemes burned into them indelibly before the house is put together. Cleanliness is one of the greatest

merits of the porcelain house. Water and wash-leather only are needed to replace the annual household terror known as "spring cleaning."

The most artistic decorations can be introduced into the rooms, and in style the Elizabethan, Louis XIV, Adams, etc., would be replaced by the Sevres, Crown Derby, Rockwood, Worcester, and all the beautiful kinds of china known to the collector.

The sheet porcelain, glazed, and decorated on both sides, can be produced at about \$2.50 the square yard. This cheapness and cleanliness make the porcelain house the ideal home for working people, and it is hailed as a possible solution of the problem which besets English cities, the housing of the poor.

## PRINCESS DOES GOOD DEED.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The ex-Princess of Saxony, who has suffered so much in having her little child snatched away from her, has kindly thought of the children of Mme. Galley, wife of the clerk of the Comptoir d'Escompte, who ran off with the contents of the cash box last year. She has sent to the mother, who is ill and in a hospital, a sum of money to be spent for her little ones.

SOCIALISTIC PLAN  
IN RUNNING PLAYTroupe Shares Profits in Place of  
Receiving Regular  
Salaries.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A pantomime is being run on socialistic, profit-sharing lines at Terry's Theater, a West End playhouse that has been the reverse of prosperous for some time.

The idea to apply Socialistic principles to the management of the theater came to Mr. James, producer of the pantomime, as a means of terminating a dispute with the lessee, Mr. Nation, with whom he was sharing the profits.

It had been decided to end the run of the pantomime after four nights, and the notice was already up, when Mr. James assembled the company and asked them to indicate by a show of hands whether they would consent to continue their engagements on a profit-sharing basis, instead of receiving salaries.

This was agreed to unanimously. Accordingly the pantomime continued its run under the new arrangement, the lessee taking a certain percentage of the receipts, and the company sharing the remainder according to the amount of their salaries.

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PERSIAN LAMB COATS, with white ermine collar; a style which has been particularly in vogue this winter. Reduced from \$150 to..... \$50.00A Few More \$25 Suits at \$10.00  
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